Sunset Village Community Association

Madison, WI 53705

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 15, 2023

Meeting Location: Midtown Station

Attendees: Jon Becker, Liz Vowles, Ken Raffa, Anne Badey Raffa, Linda Fahy, Orrie Walsvik, James Ream,

Leanne Bengsthan, Clark Kellogg, Alder, Regina Vidaver

Meeting Opening: The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m.

Election of Officers:

Jon will continue in his capacity as a co-president. There was discussion about the role of a co-president. Liz, Ken, Linda and Jon described details about this position.

James Ream expressed an interest in running as co-president and Ken nominated him; Linda seconded this nomination.

Anne Badey Raffa received votes and will most likely serve for another two year term as secretary.

Rich Kedzior will most likely be our treasurer and Liz Vowles and Clark Kellogg will be our newsletter editors.

Updates from Alder: Regina Vidaver:

The budget passed and there are no major budgetary changes at this time.

There will be a public information meeting concerning building on the site of Moore’s Towing located on Mineral Point Road. This will take place on November 30 at Sequoya Library at 6:00p.m.

At this time the original site of Whole Foods is slated to be a food store.

Rapid Transit Bus Lines will begin in 2024. The lines and schedules are in place.

There is discussion about creating a bike lane on Midvale Blvd.

Ken raised the issue of traffic calmers and how they are a problem for bike commuters.

Treasurer’s Report and Membership Report: Rich

Our checking account balance as of 10/31/23 is $6,494.01

Rich will start invoicing newsletter ads rates at a 20% increase with a 10% discount for four issues.

Road and Sidewalk Construction Updates: Liz

Rich initiated this project to have sidewalks put in on Harvey Street.

The city engineer, forester and the sidewalk crew gathered and as a result none of the trees will be cut down and there will not be any sidewalk on the south side.

James Ream: Presentation

Several years ago, he built a fence out of recycled wood and green wire for his corner lot yard. He then acquired a whole yard of siding and turned that into the rest of the fence. The city wants his fence moved back about five feet. He wants to build on the easement, the city property, and he is receiving pushback from the city.

 He is appealing to SVCA to assist him with this project and apply for a “privilege of the streets” rite and possibly, the city would sign off on this. He could then keep his fence where it is. He has since removed most of the fence except what he initially had built. He has agreed to run as co- president of SVCA.

Jon proposed that a city representative come to our next meeting and for all to hold off on any decisions until SVCA can hear both sides of the story and consider this concern. James suggested that all present tonight look at the property at 4322 Hillcrest Drive before the next meeting.

Friends of Hoyt Park: Anne

The Full Moon Walk will be held on Monday, November 27. Please meet at the main shelter at 6:00 p.m. We will have guided hikes, a fire, hot cider and snacks. Our November workday will be November 18 and will involve planting the prairie seeds that were collected in September. They will be planted in the Ready Prairie and near the Bagley Parkway entrance. Meet at the Main Shelter parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Capital High School has opened in the old Hoyt Building adjacent to the park. FHP is interested in working with the school and providing them with information on the public events occurring in the park. This is in the initial stage.

New Business:

SVCA Newsletter Ad Rates: Liz

Rich suggested that we raise our rates anywhere from 20% to 30%. Ken suggested that we note how the current rates have been there for a long time and that it was truly time to raise them. Taking into account Rich’s input, we agreed that a 20% rate seemed appropriate. Liz made a motion to raise the ads to 20% and Ken seconded the motion. There will also be no full page ads.

Red Cross Blood Drive request for sponsorship: Liz and Jon

They would need volunteers for this event in February and March but the dates have not yet been determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Anne Badey Raffa